Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents in South Dakota killed 152 people and injured 6,828 in 1989; and,

WHEREAS, Motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of accidental and violent death in South Dakota at an estimated cost of $100 million annually; and,

WHEREAS, Over 90 percent of the drivers killed in motor vehicle accidents in South Dakota in 1989 were not wearing safety belts; and,

WHEREAS, The proper use of safety belts could prevent 40 to 50 percent of the fatalities and reduce the number of serious injuries by 45 to 55 percent; and,

WHEREAS, The use of safety restraints and child safety seats is known to be one of the best defenses against the drunk and drugged driver; and,

WHEREAS, The Memorial Day holiday represents the traditional start of the summer vacation travel period and is a peak time for accidents:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21 through 28, 1990, as

BUCKLE UP AMERICA! WEEK

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens to observe the week by making it a point to always buckle up while traveling in a motor vehicle.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE